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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOVIETS OPPOSE WESTERN AID TO DRV

1. IN HANOI SOVIET AMBASSADOR, CRITICISING PHAN VAN DONG'S THEN IMPENDING VISIT TO PARIS, TOLD FRENCH AMBASSADOR MALO IN HARSH AND INSULTING TERMS THAT USSR HAD BEEN MAIN SUPPORTER OF VIETNAMESE FOR YEARS. HANOI COULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO CHANGE THIS LONG-ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP BY TURNING TO THE WEST FOR AID. HE CASTIGATED WESTERN EFFORTS TO SUBVERT SOVIET-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR'S LANGUAGE WAS SO INTEMPERATE THAT MALO DEMANDED (AND RECEIVED) AN APOLOGY FROM HIM.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR ARNAUD GAVE ABOVE INFORMATION TO USLO DEPUTY CHIEF MAY 3. HE ALSO STATED THAT SOVIETS PROTESTS CAUSED PHAN VAN DONG TO CUT SHORT HIS INTENDED PRIVATE VACATION IN FRANCE. GERMAN
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AMBASSADOR WICKERT, ALSO PRESENT DURING CONVERSATION, ADDED THAT RUSSIAN MILITARY ATTACHE HAD USED SAME BITTER LANGUAGE TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN HANOI. ATTACHE SAID SOVIETS HAD NOT GIVEN HANOI SO MUCH AID ONLY TO SEE VIETNAMESE TURN TO WEST.
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